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Available English-language abstracts of non-English-language documents 12-15 are enclosed. The relevance of non-English-language documents 7, 9 and 11 is discussed in the present application.

Non-English-language document 10 concerns tire studs comprising insulation that prevents heat-induced degradation of tire rubber surrounding the studs.

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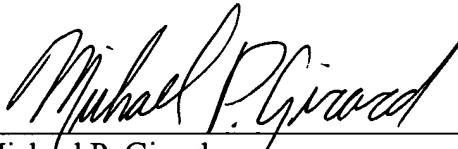
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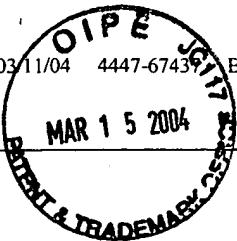
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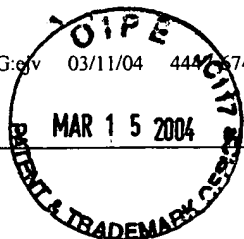
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